## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiffs,

CIVIL ACTION NO.

v.

NCR CORPORATION and SONOCO-U.S. MILLS, INC. (formerly known as U.S. Paper Mills Corp.),

Defendants.

## UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF LODGING OF CONSENT DECREE

The United States of America (the "United States"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby lodges the accompanying proposed Consent Decree with this Court.

- 1. The United States and the State of Wisconsin (collectively the "Plaintiffs") have filed a Complaint in this action alleging that Defendants NCR Corporation and Sonoco-U.S. Mills, Inc. (collectively the "Defendants") are parties liable for response costs and injunctive relief associated with the release and threatened release of hazardous substances from facilities at and near the Lower Fox River and Green Bay Site in northeastern Wisconsin (the "Site"), pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. ("CERCLA").
- 2. Sediments in the Lower Fox River and in Green Bay are contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") that were discharged in connection with the production and

reprocessing of PCB-containing carbonless copy paper at multiple facilities in the Fox River Valley.

- 3. The accompanying proposed Consent Decree between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants would require the Defendants to dredge and dispose of the most highly-contaminated sediments in the River on an expedited basis, at an estimated cost of \$30 million. That environmental cleanup work constitutes phase 1 of the remedial action in the downstream portions of the Site, consistent with the Records of Decision for the Site issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Design activities for the phase 1 project have already begun. The Decree would require the Defendants to start removing contaminated sediment from the phase 1 project area by no later than May 1, 2007.
- 4. The Consent Decree would not resolve the Defendants' liability for additional cleanup work that will be required at the Site.
- 5. Pursuant to U.S. Department of Justice policy, the United States will publish notice of the lodging of the proposed Consent Decree in the Federal Register to commence a thirty (30)-day public comment period. The Court should not sign the proposed Consent Decree until the public has had an opportunity to comment and the Plaintiffs have addressed those comments, if any.
- 6. The Plaintiffs may withhold their consent to the proposed Consent Decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed Consent Decree is improper, inappropriate, inadequate, or not in the public interest.
  - 7. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Plaintiffs will: (i) file with

the Court any written comments received pertaining to the proposed Consent Decree; and
(ii) either notify the Court of their withdrawal of the proposed Consent Decree, or respond to
comments received and request this Court to approve and enter the proposed Consent Decree.

Respectfully submitted,

For the United States of America

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to Paragraphs 94 and 106 of the Consent Decree lodged with the Court on this date, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree (together with the accompanying proposed Consent Decree) were served on this date by first-class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following individuals:

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